* 8. Sri C. P. CHITRARASU (T).
9. Sri M. ETHIRAJULU (T).
10. Dr. H. V. HANDE (E).
11. Sri K. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (T).
12. Srimathi LAKSHMI KRISHNAMOORTHI (E).
13. Sri MOHANLAL MEHTA (E).
* 14. Sri N. V. NATARAJAN (T).
15. Sri V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR (E).
16. Sri M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI (T).
17. Srimathi SARASWATHY PANDURANGAM (T).
18. Sri SIVASUBRAMANIA PANDIAN (T).
* 19. Sri N. R. THIAGARAJAN (T).
20. Sri O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIAR (T).

III.—FELICITATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Mr. Deputy Chairman, it is with very great pleasure that I offer to the re-elected members and to the new members my felicitations as well as the felicitations of this House, as its Leader. On the last occasion when some of the Members were retiring, I expressed the hope that all the retiring members would be re-elected. I seem to have proved a Prophet. Except for one very sad case, all the Members have been re-elected, and have taken the rightful place in the House. It is a tribute to the service which they have rendered during the last six years, and I am quite sure that they will continue to give their wise counsel and their very valuable guidance and advice in the years ahead of us. As far as the new Members are concerned, the House is now enriched by having two veterans and a few stalwarts. Sir, in the American national history, a patriot is one who had participated in the freedom struggle, that is, the War of Independence. According to our definition, a veteran is one who has been a Member of the Legislature before Independence. We have Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, who was not only a Member of the Legislature in the pre-Independence days but also a Parliamentary Secretary in those days. We have Raja, Muthiah Chettiar, again a very effective Member and Minister in the former Government before Independence. The House extends its felicitations to them. We have an ex-Chief Minister, a forthright speaker, and one of the ablest men that our State has produced in Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar. We are very happy that the Governor has been pleased to re-nominate him and allow him to continue his service, which he has been rendering to this State both in the very difficult days of the pre-Independence struggle as well as in the post-Independence period of administration, which the Congress Party has undertaken.

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* Members who solemnly affirmed their allegiance to the Constitution.
(E) Members who took the prescribed oath in English.
(T) Members who took the prescribed oath in Tamil.

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Among the new Members there are many eminent men who have made a mark in the public life, and who are educationally and otherwise very highly qualified. I have no doubt that their contribution to the House will be valuable and that the House will greatly benefit by their vast experience in the public life which they have had. I hope I would not be mistaken if I make special mention of one new Member, the daughter of our great patriot Sri S. Satyamurthi—I mean Srimathi Lakshmi Krishnamoorthy. Her father was one of the eminent orators of India. And if she proves to be even a chip of the old block, I am sure she will carry the House with her.

In the end, I wish to say only one thing. This House has established very high traditions in the matter of debate and in the form of address as well as the friendliness with which the Members move with each other. There has been no bitterness or rancour whatsoever in the House so far. I do hope the same spirit of cordiality will continue and that we will contribute our little share in the service of the motherland believing that our destiny is cast together to live in a country which is ours and to live together in brotherhood which is our duty.

Thank you, Sir.

IV.— QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Bug poison

* 173 *Q*.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that poisonous drugs to kill bugs are openly available in the market;

(*b*) whether any cases of suicides due to taking in of bug poison have come to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to introduce drugs which are not lethal to humans to kill bugs?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Bug killing drugs are sold only in shops which are licensed for the purpose. 2–20 p.m.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is a proposal under consideration of the Government of India to amend the Import Trade Control Licences and the Poisons Rules, so as to require the dealers to market preparations for killing bed bugs only in a diluted form which may not be lethal to human beings.

(அ) மூட்டைப்பூச்சி மருந்துகள் விற்கப்படுவதற்காக லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள கடைகளில் மட்டுமே அவை விற்கப்படுகின்றன.

(இ) ஆம்.